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Examination Committee Meeting  
July 10, 2003  
Burlingame, CA

### **Minutes**

#### **Members Present:**

Newton Gordon, DDS  
Patricia Osuna, RDH  
Ariane Terlet, DDS  
Chester Yokoyama, DDS

#### **Member Absent:**

George SooHoo, DDS, Chair

#### **Staff Present:**

Cynthia Gatlin, Executive Officer  
Gladys Mitchell, Staff Manager  
La Rita Abdul-Rahman, Secretary  
Norine Marks, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm. All members of the committee were present except for Dr. George SooHoo. A quorum was established.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3 – Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 3, 2003 meeting were approved with amendments.  
(Gordon/Yokoyama)

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4 – Approval of Revised Exam Grading Forms**

The committee voted to approve the revised exam grading forms as requested by Committee Chair, Dr. George SooHoo. Staff was directed to have the new forms reproduced and available for use for the next clinical exam.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5 – Draft Policy for Dental Exam Visitors**

Committee Chair, Dr. George SooHoo, developed a policy for visitors attending the exam for the committee's consideration. Ms. Osuna commented that at the last committee meeting, the committee voted to establish criteria for observers. As a result, Ms. Osuna made a motion to table this issue until criteria is established by the committee. Legal Counsel, Ms. Norine Marks reiterated her concerns about the purpose of having observers at the exam.

It was m/s/c (Osuna/Yokoyama) to table this issue until criteria for observers are established.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6 – Draft Policy for Board Members Attending Exams**

Committee Chair, Dr. George SooHoo, drafted this policy for the committee to consider. It was m/s/c (Yokoyama/Osuna) to table this item until the committee chair was present to address his concerns and the purpose of this policy.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7 – Appointment of RT Exam Taskforce**

Committee Chair, Dr. George SooHoo, requested the appointment of the following individuals to a task force to review the current process and recommend changes to reflect the current practice of the Dental Arts: Drs. Arthur Schultz, Elmer Bangloy, Enrique Garcia, Rachel Johnson, and Darrell Simien. Although Dr. SooHoo was not present to explain the intended purpose of this taskforce, the committee voted to delegate the authority to Dr. SooHoo to work with selected individuals to review the current process and make recommendations to the committee on changes to reflect the current practice of dentistry. Ms. Osuna expressed her concern of appointing the named individuals without having a bio or additional information provided to the committee.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8 – Appointment of RDH Examiners**

COMDA Chair, Ms. Rhona Lee requested approval of the following people, who have served as Recorders at the RDH examinations for at least two years, be appointed as RDH Examiners.

Dianne DeSalvo  
Leilani Grasse  
Holly Harper  
Brenda Rodriquez

It was m/s/c (Osuna/Yokoyama) to approve as RDH Examiners as recommended.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9 – Auxiliary Examination Statistics**

COMDA provided a historical list of examination statistics for each of the auxiliary examination programs as information only. At the request of Dr. Newton Gordon at the April meeting, a list of possible reasons for failure of Dental Auxiliary Examinations were also provided.

The committee directed staff to include similar statistics for the dental exams be included in future board packets.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 10 – Discussion on Suggested Changes to RT Exam**

This item was agendaized at the request of Dr. SooHoo. Since he was not present to address his concerns on this issue, the committee did not address it. However, several RT Exam Candidates addressed the committee with suggested changes to the RT Exam, as well as the Application Selection Process.

Dr. Terlet explained to the candidates that the board was at a stand still with making changes to the process pending the outcome of the current legislation to extend this exam.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 11 – Update on Use of Ultrasonic Scalers on the RDH Examination**

Dr. Yokoyama and Ms. Osuna have been in contact with several different representatives of USC to discuss their decision not to allow the use of Ultrasonic Scalers on the RDH Exam. USC upheld their decision and no further action can be taken by the board at this time.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 12 – Public Comment**

No further public comments were given and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.